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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1650**

**Introduced by Senator Chesbro**

February 20, 2004

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An act to amend Section 12798.1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to pest control.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1650, as amended, Chesbro. Pest control: ~~Pierce-Disease~~ *Pierce's disease*.

Existing law appropriates \$750,000 each year for 3 specified fiscal years from the General Fund to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of funding, on a competitive basis, ~~Pierce-Disease~~ *Pierce's disease* research. Existing law also requires the secretary to appoint an advisory task force consisting of scientific experts, including, but not limited to, university researchers and agricultural representatives, for the purpose of advising the secretary on research to control and eradicate ~~Pierce-Disease~~ *Pierce's disease*. *The task force is also required to make recommendations to the secretary on projects to be conducted in a competitive grant program for Pierce's disease research.* Existing law repeals this provisions on January 1, 2005.

This bill would *eliminate the competitive grant program and would delay the repeal until January 1, 2010.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 12798.1 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

~~12798.1. (a) In addition to the program described in Section 12798, the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) is hereby appropriated each year for each of the following fiscal years, 1999–2000, 2000–01, and 2001–02, from the General Fund to the Secretary of Food and Agriculture for the purpose of funding, on a competitive basis, Pierce Disease research. The disbursement of these funds shall be exempt from the requirements of Sections 12798 and 12798.6.~~

~~(b) The appropriation for each year pursuant to subdivision (a) shall become operative only upon an annual commitment during that year of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in private contributions from the California viticulture and enology industry.~~

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~~12798.1. (a) The secretary shall appoint an advisory task force consisting of scientific experts, including, but not limited to, university researchers and agricultural representatives, for the purpose of advising the secretary on the control and management of Pierce Disease. The task force, in consultation and cooperation with the American Vineyard Foundation, shall make recommendations to the secretary on projects to be conducted in a competitive grant program for Pierce Disease research. The program is open to all California public institutions with research capabilities to address the needs of the California viticulture and enology industry.~~

~~(2) of Pierce's disease.~~

~~(b) Members of the advisory task force, or alternate members when acting as members, may be reimbursed, upon request, for necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties.~~

~~(c) This section shall remain in effect until January 1, 2010, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.~~

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